(c) if so, the details thereof including factors responsible for this trend; and

(d) the efforts being made to reverse this trend?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Details of power generated from the hydro/thermal power projects in the country during the last 3 years are as under—

(Figures in Million Units)

| Category | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hydro | 73,775 | 84,495 | 1,03,057 |
| Thermal* | 4,84,561 | 5,02,921 | 5,14,453 |
| TOTAL | 5,58,336 | 5,87,416 | 6,17,510 |

*Including Nuclear

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Expansion of national grid by PGCIL**

2051. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Grid Corporation of India proposes Rs. 6000 crore investment to expand national grid development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of States that would be benefited out of this project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL), which has the mandate for development of inter-State and inter-regional Transmission Systems, has been undertaking implementation of various Transmission Systems throughout the country. A perspective transmission plan has been evolved for strengthening the regional grids as well as to increase the inter-regional power transfer capacity by development of a National Power Grid. The present inter-regional transmission capacity is around 9,450 MW which is likely to increase to about 37000 MW by 2012.

PGCIL envisages an investment of Rs. 17,360 crore during 10th Plan and Rs. 40,000 crore during 11th Plan as per the present status of various generation projects.

(c) All the states in the country will be benefited by development of National Power Grid.

**Foreign investment In power sector**

2052. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have devised new route for foreign investors in power trading business and recommended 100 per cent FDI in power trading through automatic approval route;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which it is likely to help the power sector of the country;

(d) whether the State level reforms and restructuring of SEBs is being supported by multilateral fund agencies like World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Department of International Development (DFID), Canadian International Development Association (CIDA), USAID; and

(e) if so, the assistance given to States by each multilateral funding agency during the last two years for power reforms and restructuring the sector, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) was already permitted on the automatic approval route in respect of projects relating to electricity generation, transmission and distribution (other than Atomic Energy power plants). Recently power trading has also been included in the above, subject to compliance with the regulations under the Electricity Act, 2003.

(c) Any step taken by the Government which helps in attracting FDI in the power sector would help in removing the resource constraint faced by this sector due to various reasons and would act as a catalyst in accelerating the development of power sector. This in turn would result in better and reliable power supply to the consumers who are suffering for a long time due to the power shortages prevailing and faster economic development in the country.

(d) and (e) State-wise details of assistance given by various multilateral funding agency during last two years for power sector reforms are as follows?—